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It is the object of Rosehome Gardens to test the wealth of horticultural subjects which appear to be of value in our northern gardens.

We take such subjects as appear to be suitable for growth in the colder portions of America, plant them in our trial beds and if they prove useful or ornamental here and will produce seed for us, we introduce them to our American gardeners.

ROSEHOLME GARDENS INVITES VISITORS. Located at West Harpsell Maine Route 123 from Bowdoin College Campus, Brunswick.

ROSEHOLME GARDENS warrants all its bulbs and seeds to be true to name and variety. Further than this it gives no warranty, expressed or implied, in any particular whatsoever.

ROSEHOLME GARDENS,
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BRUNSWICK, MAINE.

PREPARATION OF SOIL TO START SEEDS.

Sift ordinary garden soil using a coarse flour sieve. Add an equal bulk of granulated peat moss. Mix thoroughly and either drench with several quarts of boiling water per 9" pot full or wet thoroughly and bake in a hot oven for a half hour. Allow to stand until nearly dry. Soil is now sterile for planting.

Sterilize the pots, bulb pans or flats by immersing them in cold water to which has been added $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoonful of SEMASAN to each 8 gallons. Bulb pans make the best containers for small seeds, as they can be watered from the bottom by standing in water. Fill with prepared soil, water thoroughly and allow to stand until nearly dry. Sow seeds thin spacing as evenly as possible. Cover lightly with dry peat moss or prepared soil and press down. Fine seeds need no covering of soil. Cover with glass.

Seed will germinate more quickly if container is set in a saucer of water and placed on the top of the warming oven of the kitchen range away from the smoke pipe. This supplies bottom heat. As soon as the plants appear place in sunny window. Keep seedlings moist but not wet.

ts There is no advantage in sowing most annuals in the house. They do better if sown in the open ground as soon as it becomes warm.

**DAHLIA DWARF ANNUAL HYBRID.
ROSEHOLME STRAIN.**

A beautiful dwarf dahlia which we developed and perfected. Blooms 5" diam. some larger. Plants 3' high. 90% double. Colors; white, orchid, pink, rose, red, purple, cream, yellow & bicolors. **LARGE PACKET 25¢** We call this the annual dahlia because it will bloom in about 50 days after sowing in the open ground. Flowers on fine long stems excellent for cutting, a good keeper. Flowers cover the whole gamut of dahlia shapes, some cactus, some pom-pom, some decorative, formal and informal. It makes a small tuber the first year which keeps better than most dahlia bulbs and may be kept over from year to year like other dahlias. Seeds may be sown where they are to grow at the usual planting time for annuals and will begin blooming in about 50 days. Seed sown early in March in heat will begin to bloom about July 4th. Transplanting sets them back. Plants from tubers set late in May will bloom about the same time. **ROSEHOLME DWARF DAHLIAS** originated in a cross of Unwin with Blushing Bride and has since been crossed with other types. Unlike Unwin, Roseholme strain is rich in pastel shades and bicolors, usually fully double and duplicates in miniature every type of bloom of its larger cousins. **TUBERS AVAILABLE IN MIXED COLORS ONLY AT \$1. each.**

DAHLIA TUBERS.

BLUSHING BRIDE. CACTUS. Beautiful clear pink cactus dahlia with silver centre & reverses. Large flowers often 1 ft. across Petals incurved. Stems sturdy to carry the flower erect. Lasts well cut. Has taken many first prizes. TUBERS ONLY \$1.00 each.

TINTS OF AUTUMN. CACTUS. A fine companion to the above. Flowers often larger. Stems equally sturdy. A combination of tan, burnt orange & indian red, an exact duplication of autumn foliage at the height of its beauty.

TUBERS \$2.00 each.

The above both carry fully double flowers of breathtaking size & beauty. All our dahlia introductions are early bloomers.

DWARF HYBRIDS ROSEHOLME STRAIN.

We can supply tubers of this in pink, white, or mixed colors at \$1.00 per tuber. See description under dahlia seed.

STARFISH or SINGLE CACTUS.

This dahlia carries one or occasionally two rows of very long twisted & incurved petals. The flowers range up to 9" across and are especially good for cutting or large and showy arrangements. Pastel shades & tints in lilac rose, purple, lemon, white, also bicolors. TUBERS \$1.00 each

Seed mixed only 25¢ per pkt.

Starfish dahlias do not come completely true from seed either in color or form. There will always be a percentage of singles. Tubers which are true to type are recommended. Tubers come in mixed colors only.

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS. *ALHAG*

This superbly beautiful species of Begonia is readily & easily grown from tubers or from seed. We have hand pollinated seed specially priced at 25¢ per $\frac{1}{4}$ pkt. (100) seeds) or 50¢ per full packet.

Colors are white, pink, rose, yellow, orange, to deepest maroon red. Blossoms up to 8" across, single and double, plain edged, frilled and laciniated.

CULTURE. Prepare pots or flats of sterilized soil. Be sure that the surface is very fine. Sprinkle the seed lightly over the surface of the prepared soil. Do not cover the seed with any soil or other material. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ON IT DEPENDS THE SUCCESS OF THE SOWING. Water well & cover the pot or flat with a pane of glass. Keep soil damp but not soaked. Place in a warm light out of direct sunlight. Sow very thin and do not transplant. Begonias will blossom in August if sown any time to May 1st. A better method is to fill half egg shells with fine soil. Put shells in a flat and fill fine soil around them sowing a few seed in each shell Do not cover seed. Cover with pane of glass and water as above.

Let tubers remain in the flat in storage. As soon as the foliage falls keep in a dry warm place and do not water until growth starts the next spring. Then re-pot each tuber separately or plant outside in semishade.

IRIS GERMANICA RIZONES.

CYAXCERES. We are offering roots of a gorgeous new German Iris, a seedling of Ambassadeur & Brandywine wine called CYAXCERES. Standards smoky lavender edged buff; Falls royal purple with a brilliant golden beard. This gorgeous combination has extra large flowers of excellent substance on very tall spikes. Late.

SPECIALLY PRICED AT \$2.50 each.

GLADIOLUS BULBS.

RUTHANNE. Splendid New variety. Star shaped, many open, large.

Placement & facing excellent.

A clear rose pink with a large blue blotch. \$2.50 per bulb.

HELEN. Mammoth flowered clear pink with no markings. Exceeds Pickardy in size of bloom number open & clearness of color. per bulb \$2.50.

GOLDEN ARROW. 1st prize winner at Treasure Island & again last year at Eastern Bay Show. Orange and gold. The earliest gladiolus to bloom. Flowers large & silky. Many open. Per bulb \$1.00.

This variety sometimes crooks in warm weather. Give plenty of water.

DORIAN. Rose pink, large crimson blotch. Very striking. Attracts the attention of every visitor to our gardens by its huge flowers. Tall Spike. Many open. Fully ruffled. Per bulb \$1.50.

WE SELL LARGE GLAD BULBS ONLY.

All gladiolus released are outstanding for size of bloom and length of spike.

DELPHINIUM ROSEHOLME STRAIN.

Produced by crossing the best English, French & American varieties. Blues, all shades light to royallavenders, purples, pure white. Also bicolors; blue & pink, blue & lavender, blue & white lavender & pink, and such exotic colors as orchid, azure-rose, violet, lilac, mulberry etc. Flowers up to 2" across. Spikes often show 3 ft. of bloom.

$\frac{1}{4}$ pkt. (100 seeds) 25¢. Pkt \$1.

Eastern grown seed germinate best in eastern gardens.

IRIS KAEHPFERI. We have an extra fine collection of this most beautiful jewel of irids. All seed offered is strictly hand pollinated.

$\frac{1}{2}$ pkt. 25¢. Whole pkt 50¢

Seed supplied in blended mixture by variety or by crosses.

Varieties: GOLD BOUND, white gold stripe; LAVENDER GEM, double lavender; DANCING TIGER, purple over grey; MISTY DAWN, grey & pink; SURF-ON-ROCKS, white purple petaloids; HATSUKI, azure shot with purple; AYASHI, pink edged dark rose; SHADOWS-ON-SNOW, white shot with blue. Crosses: Gold Bound X Lavender Gem; Gold Bound X Shadows-on-Snow; Hatsuki X Shadows-on-Snow.; Ayashi X Shadows-on-Snow; Ayashi X Hatsuki; Dancing Tiger X Misty Dawn.

Plants of all these varieties available for August delivery at \$1.00 each. Orders for plants should reach us by July 1st your reservations being made when the plants are in bloom.

GLADIOLUS BULBS. COLLECTIONS.

COL#1. 2 bulbs each of 12 varieties. Our selection from our own seedling varieties. Labelled.

\$2.00. ½ collection \$1.25.

COL#2. Pedigreed crosses under number. 24 bulbs of not less than 15 varieties, labelled. Not yet offered in any list.

\$3.00. ½ col. \$1.75.

COL#3. 24 bulbs unlabelled. Our seedlings with some of the new commercials in a complete blend

\$1.50. ½ col. \$1.00

COL#4. Mixed bulblets of pedigreed seedlings mixed in digging. Commercial varieties not included. 50 bulblets \$1.00

PETUNIA GIANT RUFFLED.

We make a specialty of growing hand pollinated seed of this beautiful subject. Our strain is grown in the cool climate

of Maine especially for sowing right in the bed where it

is to grow thus eliminating starting the seed in flats unless early flowers are desired.

Germination is usually good and the plants mature rapidly.

May be started in flats if desired. We have added several new color combinations. All

the usual petunia colors many with contrasting markings and throats. This fine blend is specially priced at 50¢ per generous packet.

50¢ per packet.

PERENNIAL LUPINE EDENHALL HYBRIDS.

A new perennial Lupine rich in pastints & bicolors; white, cream, pink, orchid, lavender, red.

Spikes 3 to 4 feet tall, Cuts, keeps and arranges well. A blue ribbon winner at Flower Shows.

Double blooming season, early and late summer. 25¢ per packet.

Original seed secured from the garden of Edenhall, noted estate in the north of England.

This Lupine has been improved & selected until it is the best American grown English type Lupine. Purple has been so far eliminated that very few or no plants of this color appear in a planting. It is much superior to Russell Lupine in germination, performance in the garden, permanence, size of bloom and length of spike. A bed blooming is gorgeous, a group in the border outstanding. Seed germinates nearly 100% and blooms the next year.

From Connecticut south if sown as early as ground can be prepared in the spring will show some bloom in late autumn.

The huge spires of flowers however come the second year and for many years thereafter, this Lupine being more permanent than most strains. Should not be transplanted after the tap root is 4" long, and it is better to sow seed where the plants are to stand. We do not offer Lupine plants for this reason. We wish you could see our plot of this exquisite Lupine at the height of their blossoming season.

Our DWARF HYBRID DAHLIA, because of its muted colors, makes breath-taking artistic arrangements in low brown crockery containers, copper bowls or brown or copper vases. A particularly effective combination is one made in a copper container in which the tones of the bowl were reproduced in the blooms. The orchid and lavender shades and the creams also work out well in silver, china or glass.

A particularly effective arrangement can be made by combining this flower with ZINNIA SCABIOSA FLOWERED. The tints of the two compliment each other and the Autumn Leaf tints of the Zinnia serve to tie the more brilliant Dahlia bloom to the container. LUPINES are considered a nonmixer among the flowers. We have however made some dashing arrangements by combining our EDENHALL HYBRID LUPINES with LONG SPURRED COLUMBINES cut with long stems and some SCABIOSA KNAUTIENSIS, both flowers and foliage to tie the design to the container. In making this arrangement be careful to use Lupine and Columbine in tints which do not clash. Use plenty of foliage both columbine and Scabiosa.

SCABIOSA KNAUTIENSIS is a perennial with cream colored small flowers. We have seed of this desirable plant at 25¢ per packet.

ROSEHOLME GARDENS trusts that you have found this little catalogue of interest. Future editions will contain not only new varieties of garden material, but hints on growing and also on the use of material in the home and in the show room.

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We specialize in the seeds of rare & unusual annuals and perennials; We also are interested in summer flowering bulbs & tubers and have many varieties under trial which will be introduced as soon as we create strains which meet our very exacting standards.

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